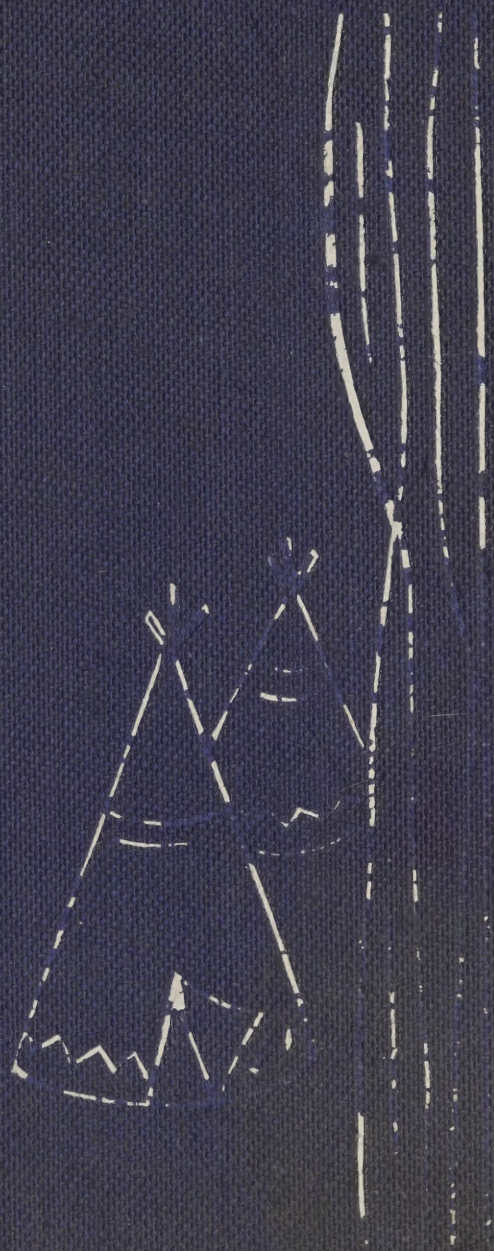
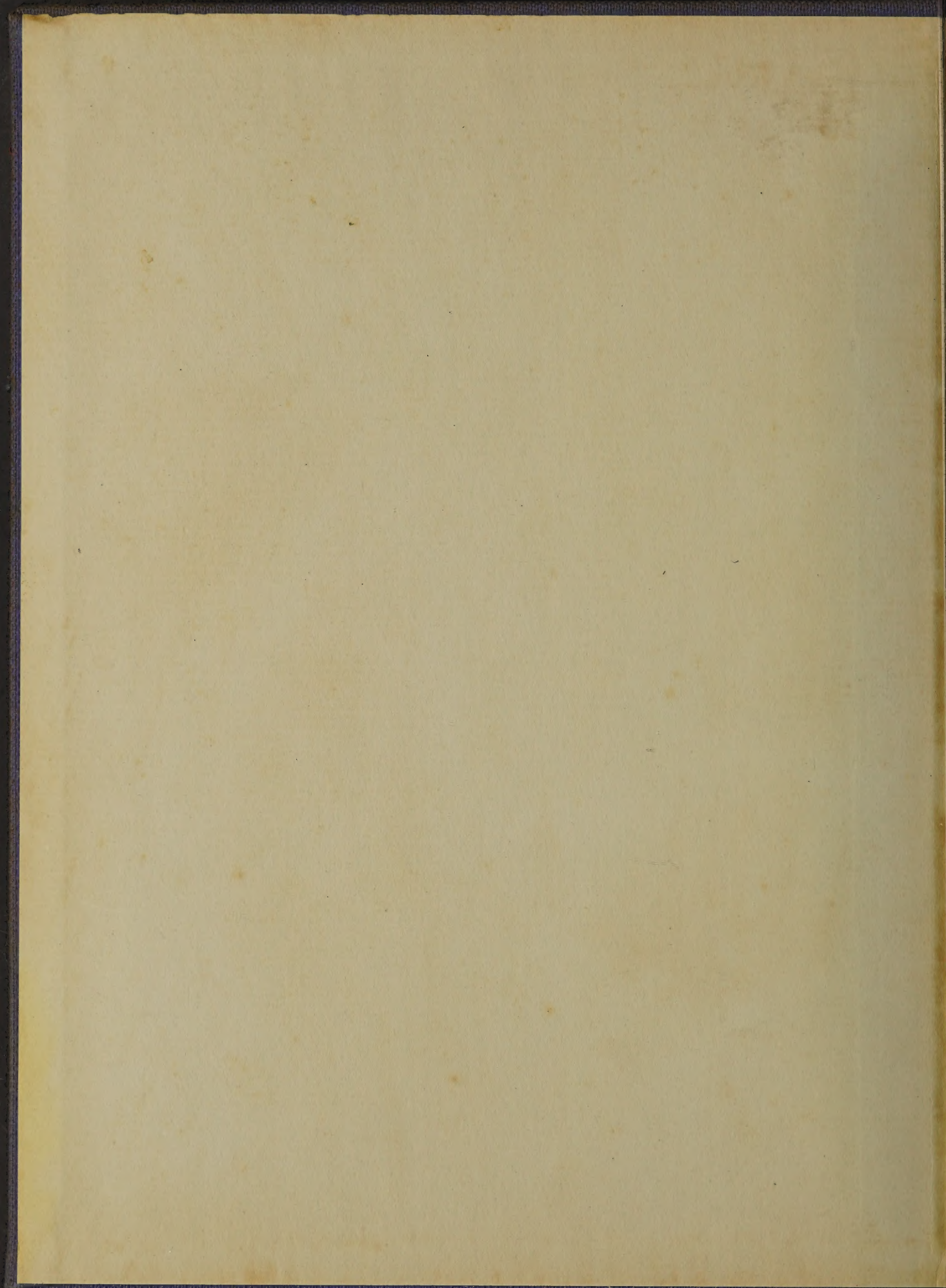


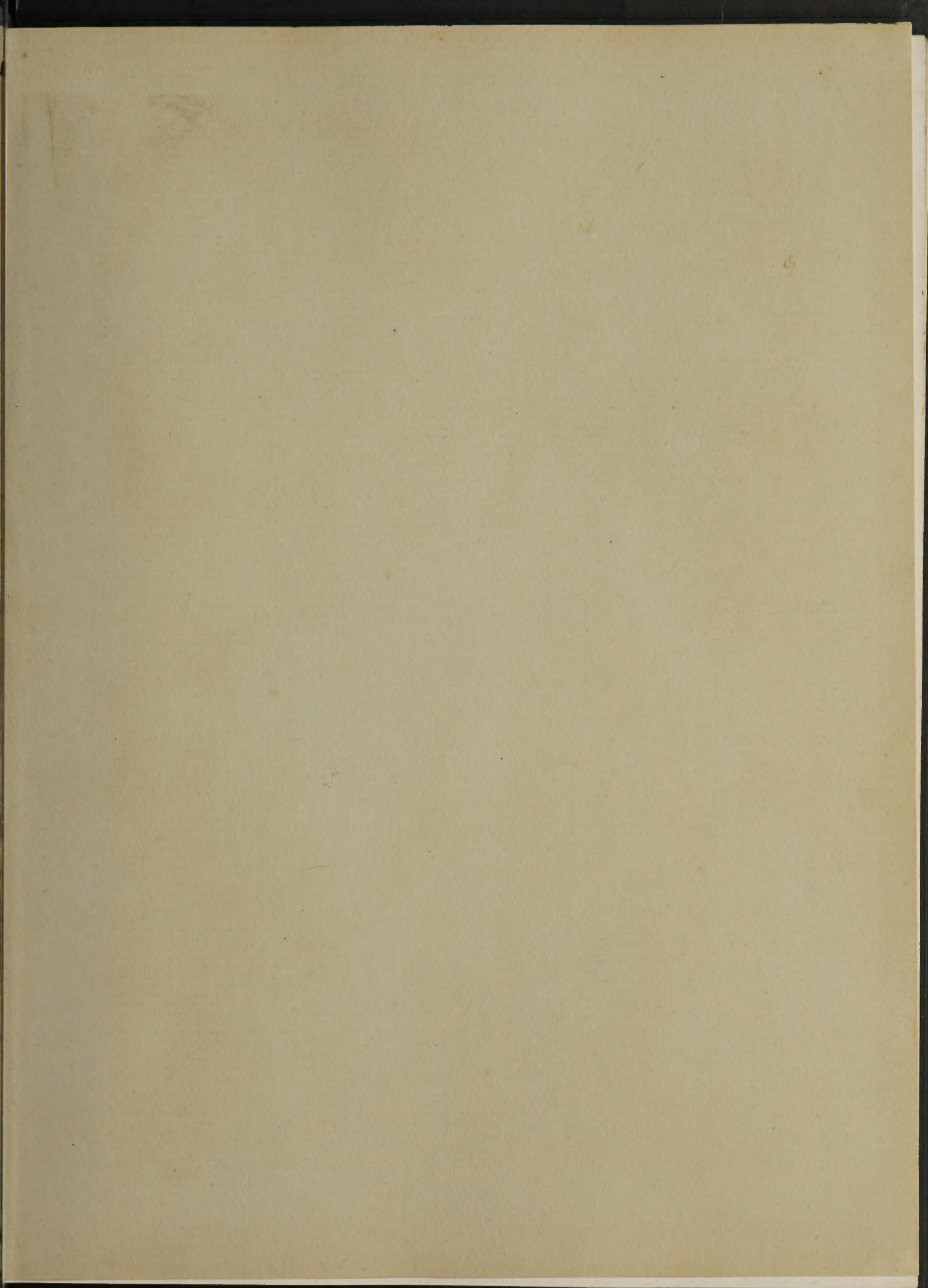
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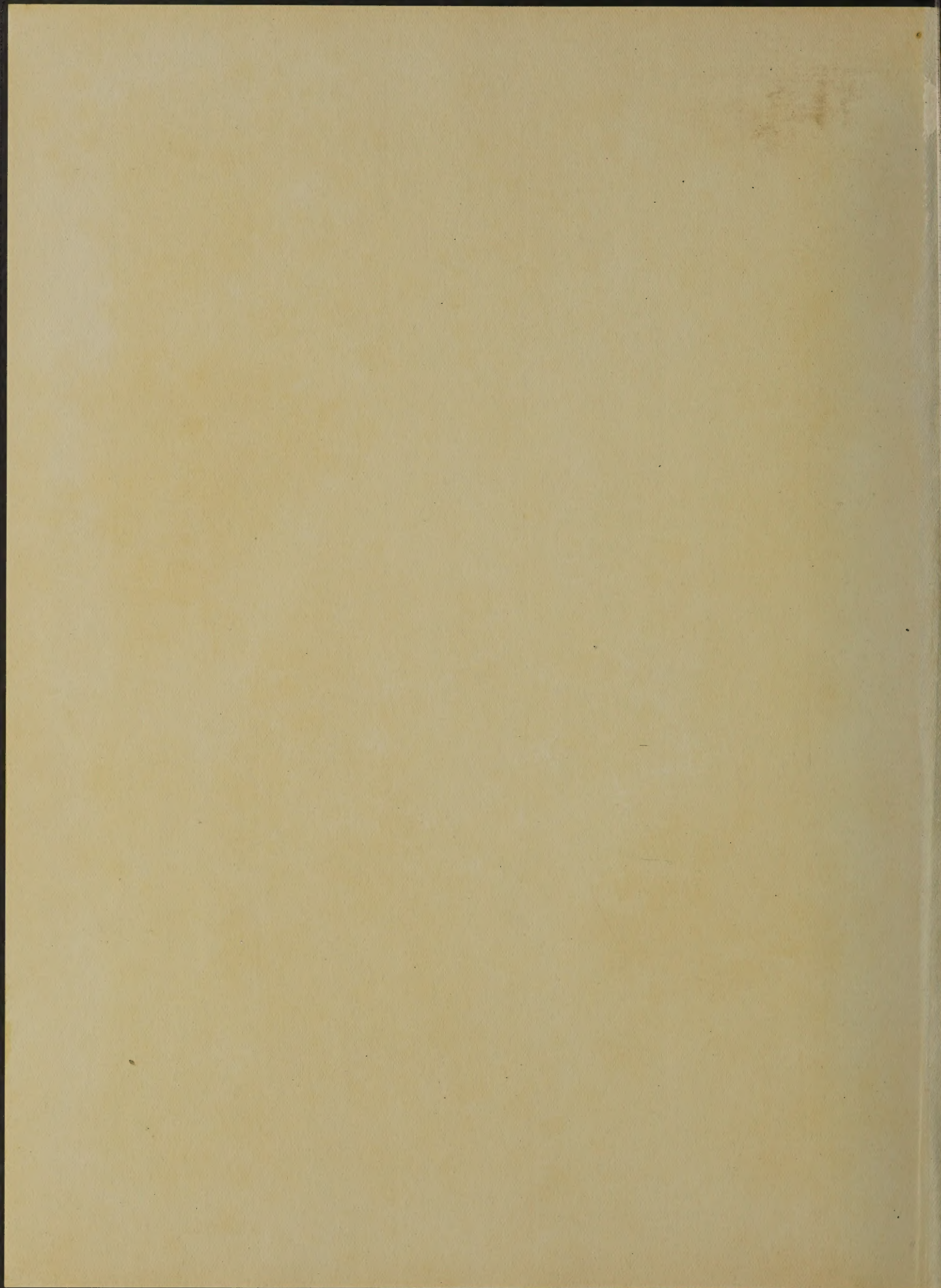








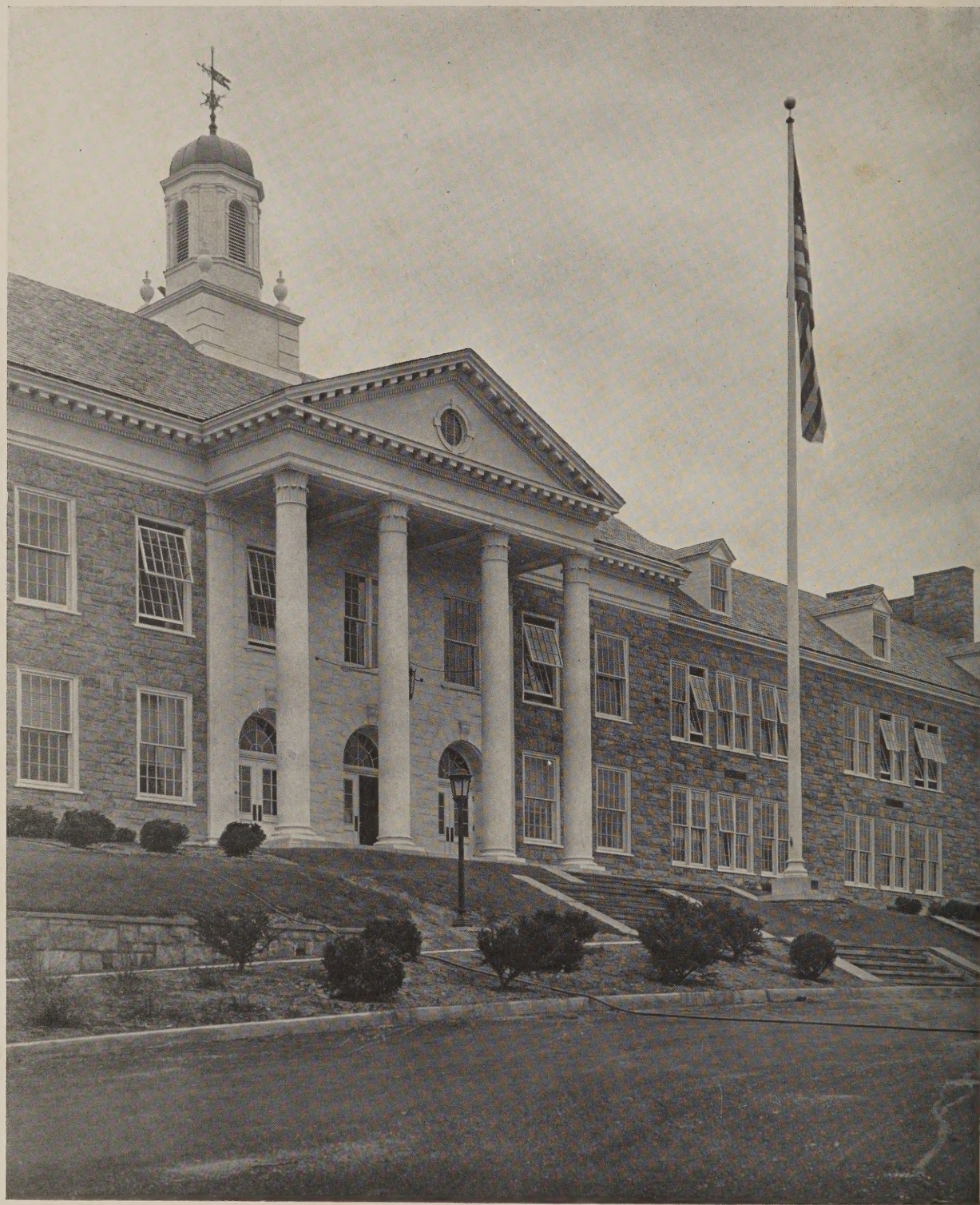














# WAMPUM

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Striving to get us to do our best, offering to be our friend, and reaching these goals has endeared Miss Hodge to the Seniors. Innumerable other reasons make us eager and also proud, to dedicate our last important high school task to the one who has been the nearest to us.



## ADMINISTRATION

EVERYONE knows that the principal and teachers are directly in charge of the school, but it is the Board of Education who has the first responsibility with regard to the work, maintenance, extra-curricular activities — in fact everything connected with the whole school.

Besides the high teaching standards maintained, in keeping with its policy of providing the students with as fine educational opportunities as possible, the Board invites outstanding persons to participate in assembly programs. Furthermore, any equipment needed for teaching more effectively, is provided, including books and such supplies. Among the more important projects undertaken this year was the completion of the landscaping of the school grounds, which are truly beautiful and a credit to the community. Another way in which the Board has shown its true colors is in its attitude toward the student government. Ever since the suggestion of having a student council was made, the members of the Board have fostered and encouraged, in every possible way, its growth and expansion.

All in any way connected with the school, whether teachers or students, cannot help feeling the friendly and helpful interest with which the Board carries out its plans and meets its responsibilities.



EDWARD E. DWYER  
*Principal*

Members of the Board of Education, Principal, and District Superintendent of schools. *Standing, left to right:* Harold F. Jung, Treasurer; Edward E. Dwyer, Principal; Harold C. Storm, District Superintendent of Schools. *Seated left to right:* Rocco Faillace; M. Campbell Lorn, Vice-President; Kelsie Agor, President of Board of Education; Mrs. E. Chichester; Leslie P. Dodge, Clerk.





## THE FACULTY

AN apple for the teacher—all our teachers and Mr. Dwyer. We can't call them just "the faculty" because, both during and after school, they are "friends", always willing to do their part in all school affairs.

A happy group, they are often seen on weekends enjoying the many sports, of which skiing and tennis seem to be most popular. The success of "What A Life," the senior play, was made possible by their taking parts as well as being interested and working diligently.

As Seniors we shall never forget their zeal and untiring efforts in preparing us for

Reading left to right: Mrs. Jean Bloomer, Doris L. Bryan, Wahlter F. Chavel, Madolin Cocroft, Marguerite Collyer, Jeanette Conley, Thomas J. Cunningham, Wilbur S. DeVries.

Dorothy Eastwood, Tullia Fossati, Mary J. Fay, Mrs. Mary D. Fay, Gordon Foote, Elsie Fuchsle, Howard Grant, Vivian Green.

Mrs. Hazel R. Gregory, Benjamin Hamblin, Elsie Hannigan, Muriel Hodge, Raymond C. Hollstein, Edith A. Jennings, Margaret Kaemmerlen, F. Naomi Knapp, Glenice Lockwood.

Richard Margison, Bernice McGill, Katherine Millicker, Robert Oram, Mrs. Millicent Owen, Margaret Pinckney, James P. Towey, Hildegard Uelzmann, Mrs. Laura Vores.





our graduation. Not always have we taken their advice as we should; but we hope they will forget the unpleasant moments and remember the enjoyable times together, of which there has been full measure.

Their kindness and friendliness which makes possible fond memories, will linger with us at all times, for we know there is no better faculty than the teachers of Mahopac Central School.

"What the child is, is the work of God; what he becomes is the work of the teacher."











# CLASSES

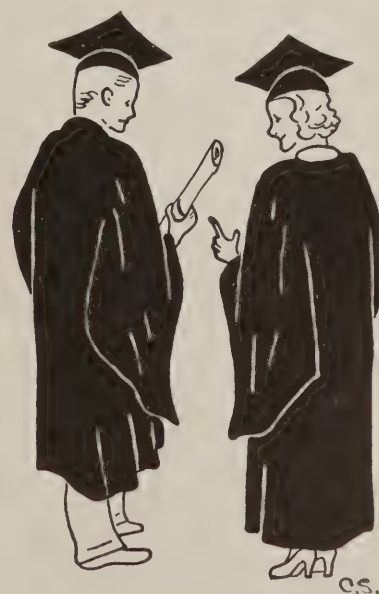






## MARCHING ALONG, TWENTY-FOUR STRONG . . .

VIRGINIA AGOR, Mrs. Andrews of "Winter Sunset," an actress of recognized dramatic ability, has won the hearts of everyone by her sociability, her diplomacy in the famous senior "scraps," and her energetic nature. — Anne, one of the cheerleading quartet, has busied herself with many activities during her two years in Mahopac; and this popular and ambitious girl is adequately preparing herself for Cornell University's veterinary college. — Books are Winifred's specialty, and the library's fiction is no stranger to this likable, quiet Senior. We consider "Winnie" above average scholastically and admire her for her cooperative spirit. — Conscientiousness and a vibrant personality are Viola's or "Vi's." A glad helper and a peppy cheerleader, always eager to do her bit, she's a popular member of the Washington trippers. — Cheerful and studious Norma, who is rarely without a smile, seems to take pride in her neat appearance and good scholastic record. We have high hopes for "Norm." — Our class president! Rita not only successfully led us, but also entered willingly into many of the class's activities. She will always be remembered for her happy spirit, sweet nature, and poise. — Ted Curry, a well-liked member of the Class of '41, will be long remembered for his interest in sports, his enthusiasm and cooperation, and above all, his boyish bashfulness. — Quiet, petite, "Bobby" Field has earned the approval of her classmates by her amiability and all around sportsmanship. She has been a very busy person, equally active in sports and social organizations.





## LIGHT-HEARTED SENIORS . . .

— "Gosh" Ida Crane, a shy, tall Senior looks the world in the face with her lovely dark eyes. She busies herself typing much of the time, particularly for those in distress. — Ralph, generally known as "Rufus" of an easy-going nature, surprised us all when we discovered his excellent tenor voice. He's a football player and chorus member, and is generally accepted as a "right, nice guy." — Joe, who was the class treasurer this year, did a most creditable job of handling the Washington dues. He's a quiet, popular fellow who led Mahopac's basketball team. — Blond and bashful Jimmie will stand out in our memories for his friendly smile and slow speech. He was football captain this year and has been a close pal of Joe's through high school. — Phyllis is one of our quieter girls; yet she has proved very capable and has always shown willing helpfulness. Besides typing for the school paper, Phyllis has been active in the Girls' Reserve and chorus. — Whenever any one mentions snare drums, football, and "brains," one thinks immediately of George Hunt. George has been with the class two years, and during that time has proved himself most original and outstanding in athletics and musical ability. — As president of the Student Council John Lorini, good-natured and likable, has proved to be a capable leader. Our dry-witted executive has also participated in most extra-curricular activities. — A girl with lots of sparkle, vitality, and "go"—that's Mary. She's always ready to collect money and has become very popular for her individuality and dry humor.

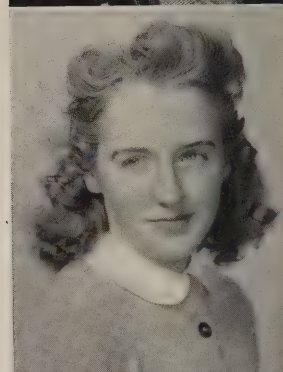


VIRGINIA AGOR

ANNE AULBACH

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VIOLA BELLUCCI



NORMA BLISSARD

RITA BUTIRONI

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THEODORE CURRY



BARBARA A. FIELD

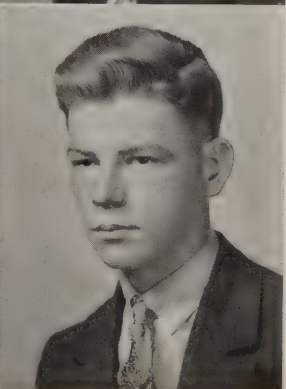
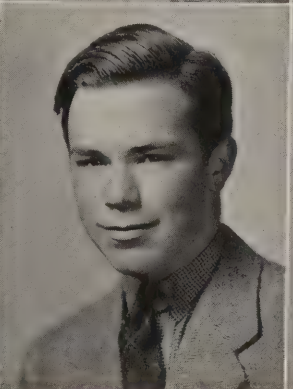
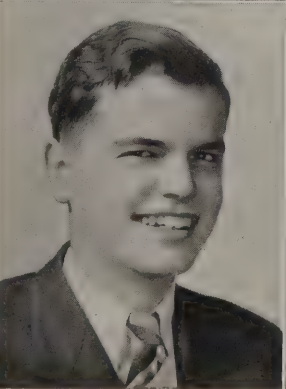
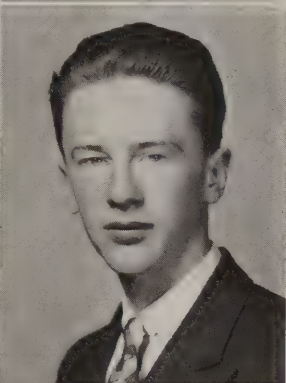
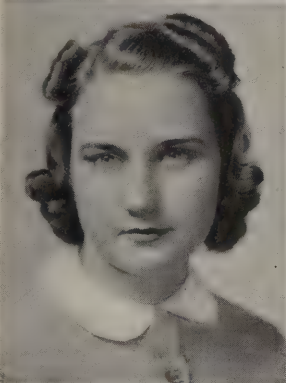
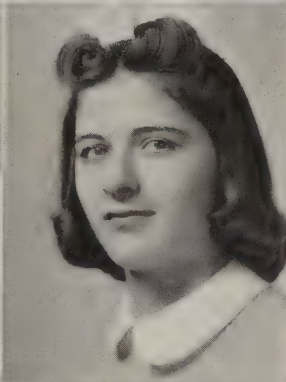
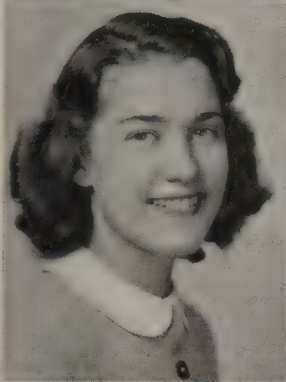
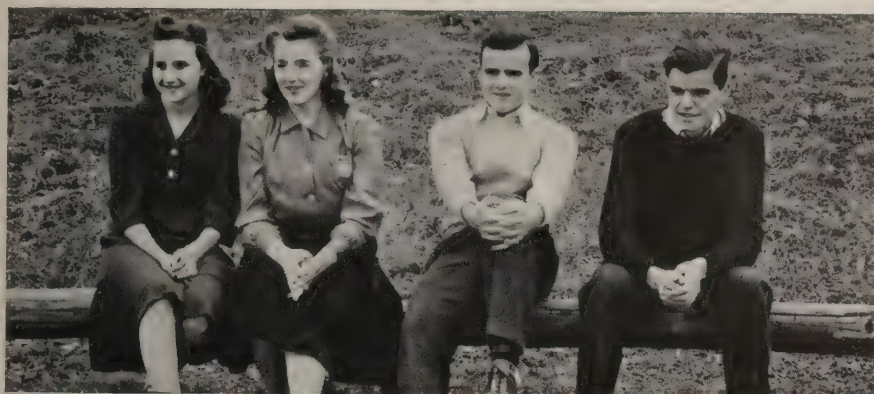
JOSEPH GANONG

RALPH GEORGE

JAMES HARKINS









## SINGING A SONG

— "Al" is the class's outstanding jitterbug who divides his time between the A. and P. and school. His fun-loving manner and freckles have made Al a pal to all. — "Tootie," Frances Savino, is the petite member of the class participating in basketball, Chorus, and "THE MAHOPACKAGE." She makes up for her size in energy and willingness to "do things." Besides, who will forget her big brown eyes? — Carolyn is the truest blond in the class and goes for art in a big way. Always helping and handy, Carolyn is in the Chorus and on the staff of "THE MAHOPACKAGE." — "Edie" Spiotti is the best noted for the way she wields her hockey stick and sinks baskets. She is a member of the Girls' Reserve and Chorus. — Our other Virginia, of the beautiful hands, is a hard worker, a good friend to all, and has definite artistic ability. — Letha, the class beauty, receives credit where it is due. Besides looking lovely, Letha lends her soprano voice to the Chorus. — "Glo" is one of those girls who is in everything going on. One always finds her singing, laughing, and dancing; and she knows how! Gloria will surely be successful in her chosen profession, nursing, because of her pleasant, cheerful friendliness. — Last we come to Anita, our "Trudie," who finds much enjoyment in classic literature and art. Her sincerity and quest for knowledge add to her already attractive personality.

There is, however, one without whom our senior story would not be complete. To Mr. Cunningham goes the appreciation of the Seniors for his untiring efforts to make Washington real to us. His sense of humor and grand personality made him our choice for class adviser for three years.

GEORGE HUNT

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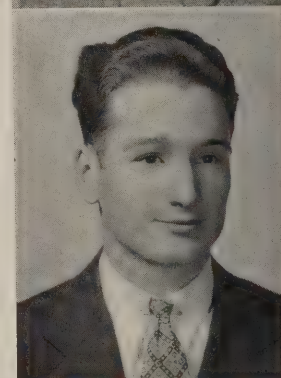
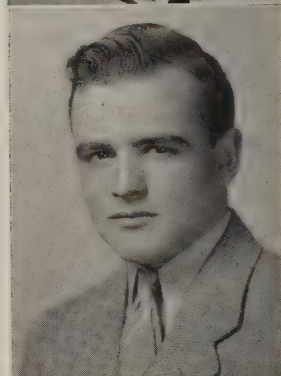
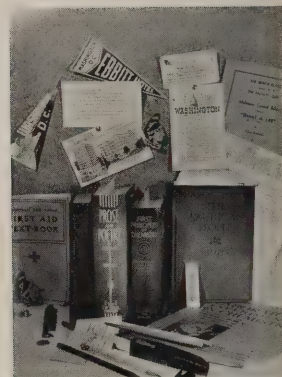
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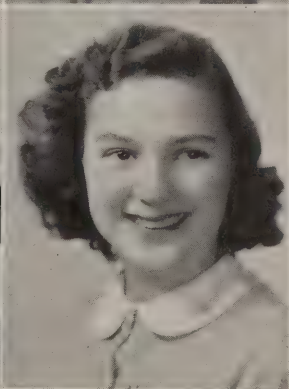
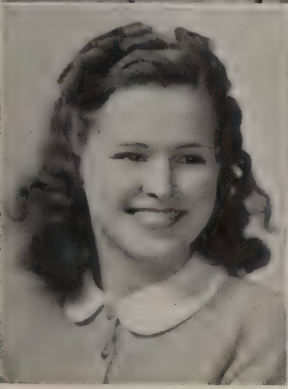
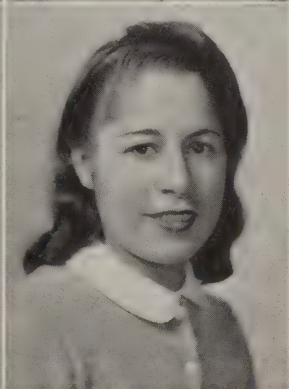
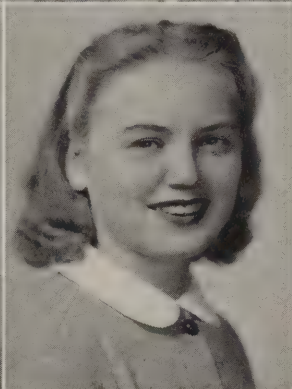
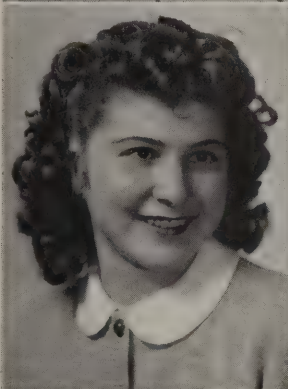
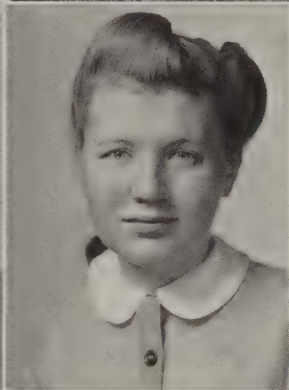
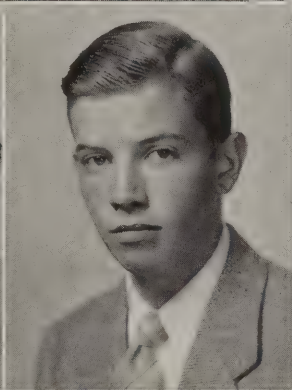
LETHA R. TOWNER

GLORIA WELCH

ANITA ZIEGLER











## CAPITALISTS ON THE MARCH

FOR many moons the Senior Tribe worked and struggled to earn wampum to take a big trip. This wasn't just an ordinary one, but a long journey to the home of the great white father, where they would visit some of the best and largest tepees in the nation.

Anyway, after holding various pow wows and heap big plays, we took the iron horse from New York on Monday, April 14, 1941, and started on the great adventure. Just to make sure we didn't get lost, we invited two counselors, Miss Hodge and Mr. Cunningham, to accompany us; and we'll never forget all they did for us while we were in the great city. Our gide was none other than "Doc," medicine-man, Burden, who also served as guide for the four other tribes on tour.

Of course, you can imagine what Washington did to us poor little country Indians! Everyone had some special thing to keep under his scalp for many moons to come. Some of us liked the home and office of the great chief, while others were satisfied to rest their moccasins at the new residence of the nine old men. The young bucks and braves were most interested in the F. B. I. where some of the best tomahawk wielders in the land come from. "We want wampum!" was the cry of the Scotch Indians as they cast their eyes upon stacks and stacks of it in the Treasury.

These places were fun, but what sentimental Indian from the land of the sky blue waters doesn't like to see the more imposing side of Washington? We did, and these



impressions will remain with us until we go to our happy hunting ground. Who could forget the majestic beauty of the Lincoln Memorial, or the quiet simplicity of the Franciscan Monastery? The home of the first white chief, George Washington, was an inspiration to us all; and the few of us who ventured forth in the big "sky bird" that same day, will dream of this often.

Yes, tours were interesting, but every Indian must have an occasional war dance, so we got out our best war bonnets at night and started a series of pow wows. Maybe we're prejudiced, but we think that we had the best tepee in Washington, the Hotel Ebbitt where many black squaws helped to make us happy. They even understood that we had to throw water out of the windows to appease the rain gods!

We can't talk about our journey without some mention of George, who drove our streamlined "travois" through the heavy heat and traffic of Washington. He was indeed a kind, friendly paleface, and we would have been lost without him.

Now that we have returned to our native hunting grounds and lodges, we are ready to squat around our campfire and happily smoke our peace pipes, thinking dreamily of our southward trip, long over—the only one from which we did not return with paleface scalps!







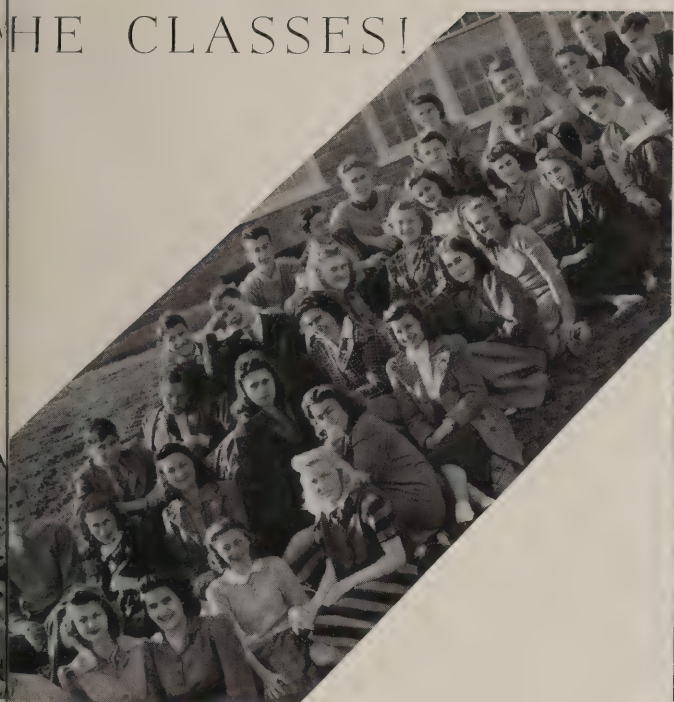
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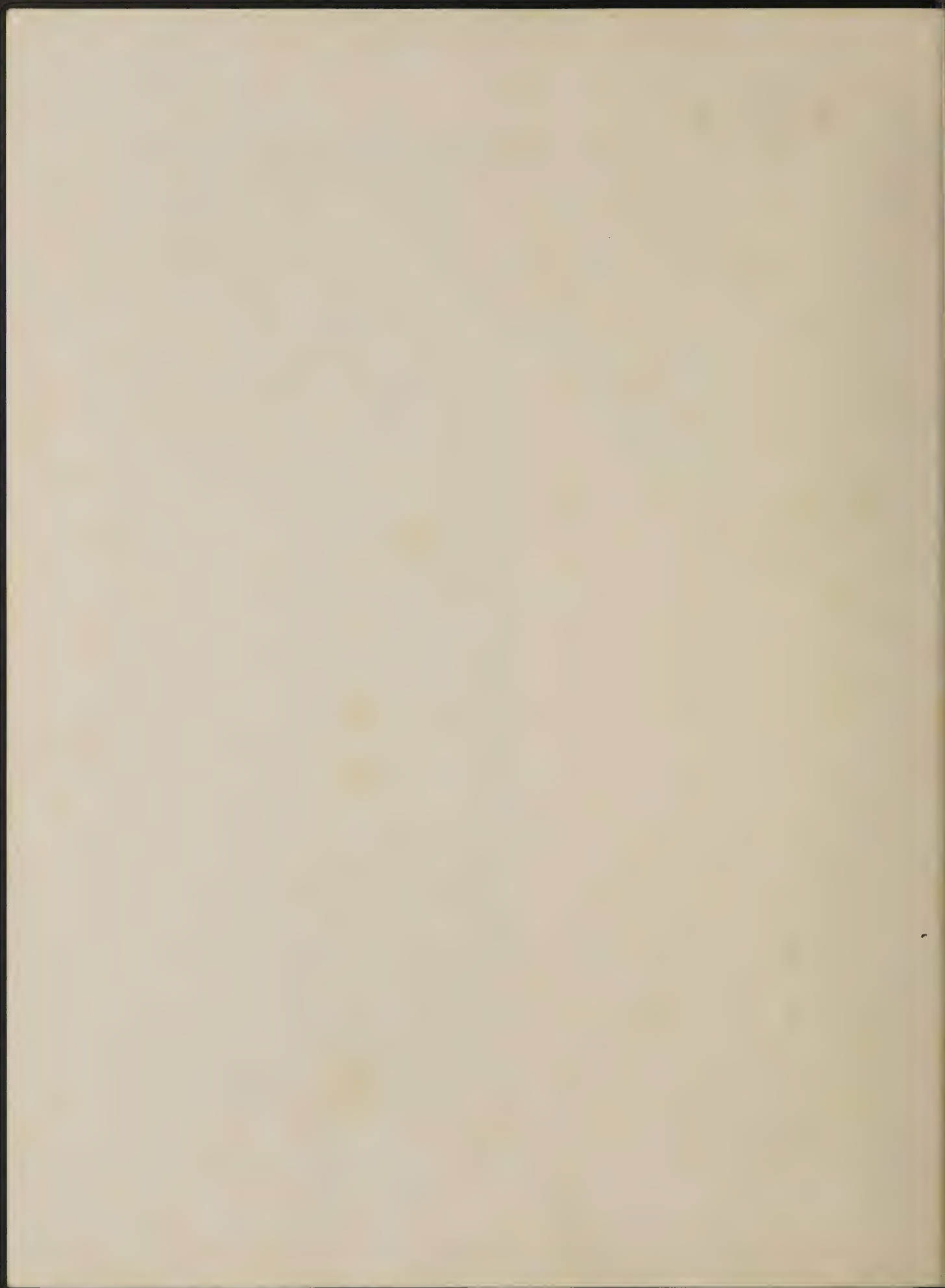
Anticipating senior high school, the seventh and eighth graders plan small trip and such activities as the Flag Day Program presented by the eighth grade. The "Freshies" and their parties; the



## THE CLASSES!



"Suffermores", the "inbetweens"; and the Juniors, who gave four one-act plays; all look forward to the day when as Seniors, not underclassmen, they will not say, "Washington, here we come!", but, "Washington here we are!"







# ACTIVITIES





## THE WAMPUM...IN LEGEND AND PICTURES

LOOKING back to their high school days the Class of '41 will have no cause to say, "Did Jimmy graduate with us?" The hard work and initiative of Editor, Viola Bellucci; Photography Manager, Gloria Welch; Business Manager, Mary Putnam; Art Editor, Carolyn Smith; and Adviser, Miss Uelzmann; have combined to present to the students, faculty and friends a praiseworthy yearbook. Legends were written by Virginia Agor, George Hunt, Mary Putnam, Anita Ziegler, Rita Butironi, Anne Aulbach, and John Lorini.

Early in the fall, classes were found seated on damp terraces bucking strong winds, but smiling convincingly for the photographer. Mr. Cunningham caught the teams as they really were in action.

So we give you the facts and figures, pictures and prologues, Washington and works, of the Class of '41.



## THEY LEGISLATE

WITH the organization of the Student Council a thing of the past, the work of the present began: that of making the school better for both students and teachers, by incorporating suggestions of both into the rules set up by the Council. This year the Council inaugurated a new system whereby there is less teacher discipline, and more student supervision. Blue and yellow tags were hung in each room; and in order to leave the class, a student had to have one of the blocks. In this way only two students could be out of the room at the same time, eliminating congestion in the halls. A new seating arrangement in assembly was put into practice, in which each class has its own particular place. Mr. Hollstein, one of the advisers of the Council, left in the middle of the year, and Mr. Dwyer appointed Mr. Margison to take his place. All in all, the Council had a very successful year, due to the willingness to cooperate, that prevailed among the students. Mr. Dwyer and the Board also deserve a vote of thanks because of their help and sympathy with the Council's plans.





## THEY COOPERATE

THE Service Squad consists of students from each home room, who, under the direction of Captain Warren Prosperi, enforce the laws passed by the Council. Between classes, squad members are stationed at the dozen posts designated throughout the building, to direct traffic. This system has worked out very well, and most of the confusion in the halls at that time has been eliminated. Members of the Service Squad are also on duty at school activities such as basketball games, and plays. The Squad has proved invaluable to the Council; without it, the governing body would be powerless to carry out its laws.

Each member of the squad has tickets, to give to those violating regulations. The offending student must then report to the Student Court, consisting of the President, Vice-President, two advisers, and a secretary of the Council. There the case is discussed, and a penalty is meted out. In this manner, the whole school is conducted like a miniature state, which not only provides a better attitude and atmosphere, but also teaches the students something of the obligations they will have to fulfill after they leave school.





MR. WILBUR DEVRIES  
*Director*

AS Mr. DeVries raises his baton for the down-beat, the blue and gold uniformed students await their cue to sound forth in harmonious melody. The school band which consists of thirty-two members is the pride of all Mahopacians. These boys and girls meet twice a week to practice numerous arrangements for their many activities.

This year they have been exceptionally busy playing for the school basketball games and participating in assembly programs throughout the year. Recently the group went to Carmel where they gained the admiration and approval of their pleased audience by their own interpretation of several compositions. They were a special attraction at the Oratorical Contest and did a fine piece of work when they gave a cordial "send of" to the first call of drafted men from Putnam County.

In the musical organizations of our school, we find the real talent of the students. The clear, ringing tones of the glee club have thrilled many audiences and have held them enchanted through various performances. This will be the third consecutive

## AND THE BAND





## Notes To You



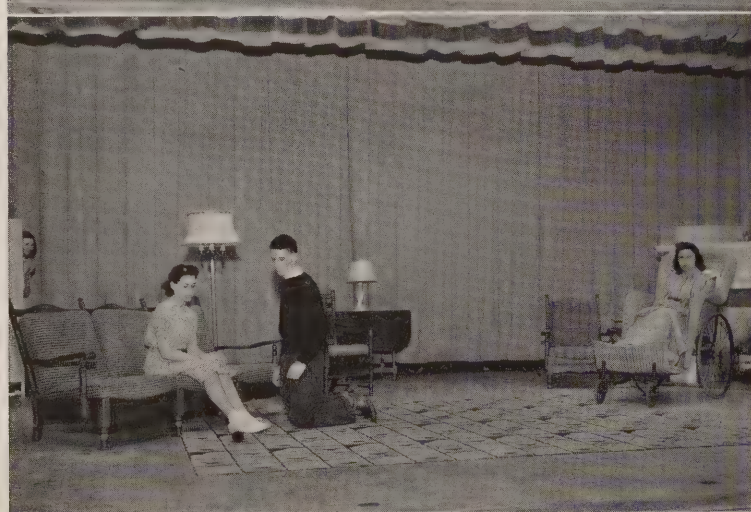
year that Director DeVries, and his choral group of forty members go to Haldane for the annual concert. There upon the stage, you will see sopranos, altos, tenors, and bases, from schools throughout the county, combined to entertain through song.

These extra-curricular musical organizations are the out-growth of the musical program of the school. From the kindergarten, where our youngest have a rhythm band, through the high school, which has classes in music theory, the boys and girls have singing periods, as well as instruction on instruments of their choice. In some instances, students learn to play instruments, which they ordinarily would not buy themselves, when the school purchases them to augment the band.

## PLAYED ON







## ON THE AIR

THE Radio-Drama Workshop has gone on to newer heights. Under the able guidance of Mr. Towey, directors, as well as Thespians budded. At Christmas Dickens' "Christmas Carol" came over the broadcasting system to students and later to a P.T.A. meeting. In the spring the stage-minded enjoyed "Life With Father" in New York.

## ONE-ACT PLAYS

AN innovation in Junior Class proceedings brought the Workshop into the limelight. With the Juniors, they presented the annual one-act play contest. The combined casts produced, under Mr. Towey's harried but capable direction, "Who Gets the Car Tonight?", a farce; "Winter Sunset", a melodrama; "Grandma Pulls the Strings", another comedy; and "The Inn of Return", a mystery drama and the winner.

## CAMERA CLUB

EVERYWHERE Mr. Cunningham or some of his "shutterbugs", are trying to get different and better snapshots. Good pictures resulted as the members learned developing and printing of films, and enlarging and mounting of prints. Some worked on portraits, oil and water coloring, toning and still-life photography. With this knowledge, a few camera enthusiasts helped Mr. Cunningham provide pictures for "The Wampum".



## FOURTH ESTATE

“YOU want to subscribe to ‘THE MAHOPACK-AGE’, don’t you?” Throughout the year a willing staff of reporters, typists, and cartoonists diligently labored to give the Mahopac students a paper, coming out each week on Friday, worthy of their support. Ted Curry guided these “fourth estaters” half the year, and Anne Aulbach the remaining time, with the capable advice of Miss Uelzmann.

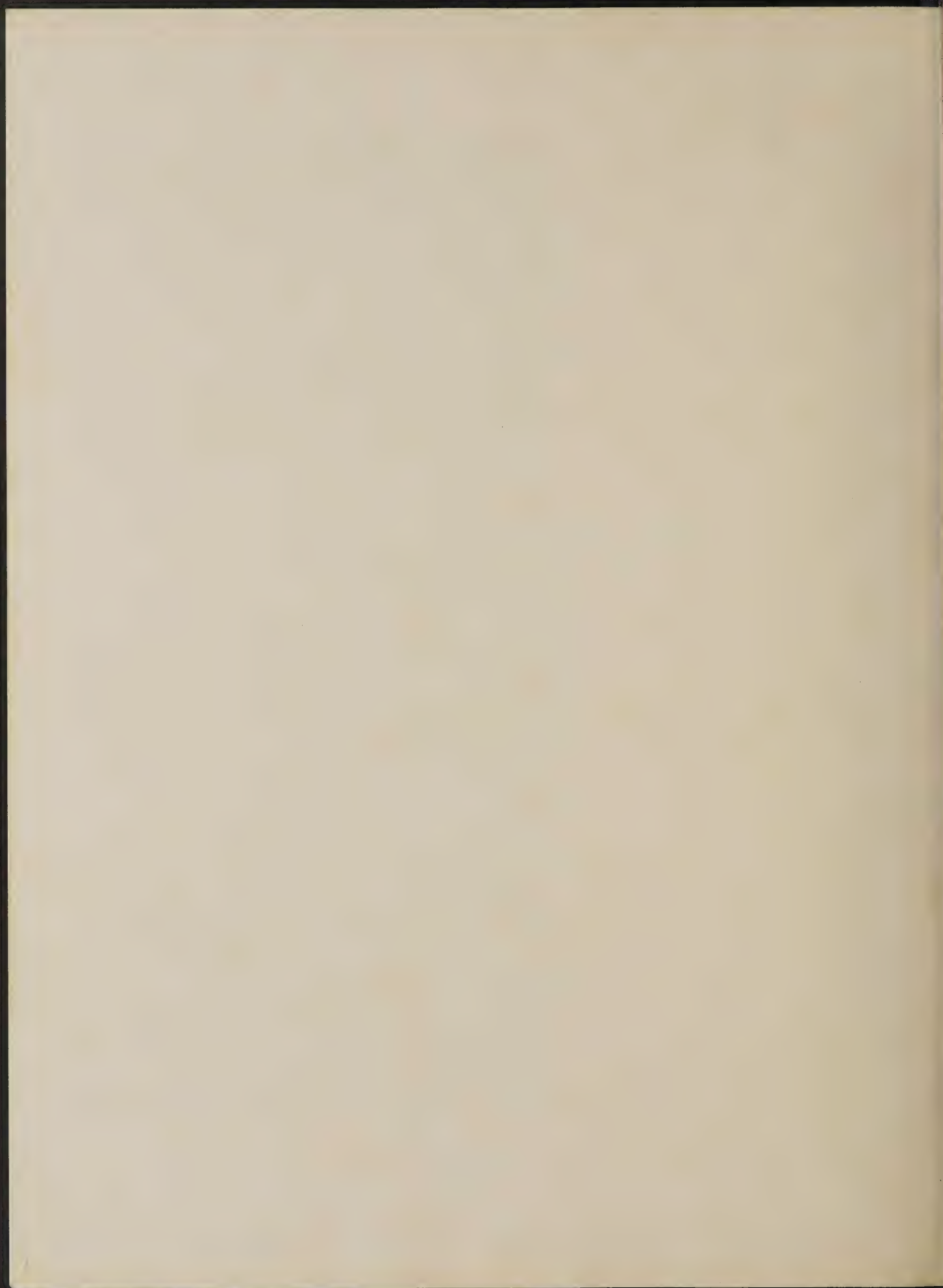
## GIRLS’ RESERVE

FREE lancers are they — all baking delicious cakes, dyeing scarves, making Christmas baskets, going roller skating — what more could one ask? The “Girls’ Reserve”, who have as advisor, Miss Bryan, runs the gauntlet of activities and does a grand job, as results show. The meetings are always held in the homemaking room where varied desires are fulfilled.

## HI-WIDE AND...

THE Hi-Y started out with twenty-six members who enjoyed the Army-Brown game at West Point. They again held a successful triple-header basketball game. As their latest project, they drew up a constitution. Note, please, that most members and the adviser excel in many sports; but what makes them really different is meeting every other Monday night. Yes, they’re really “tops”.









# ATHLETICS







## COACHES

IN any educational program, all around development of boys and girls should be the aim. One of the most important phases of physical education is athletics, which is integrated with extra-curricular activities and is significant in building character, poise, emotional stability, initiative, and perseverance, as well as sound physical bodies—all of which are essential aspects of a wholesome life.

Whereas physical education classes are compulsory, competitive athletics are not. The student joins a team on his own initiative and remains on it as long as he does his best. It is an honor and a privilege to represent our school on its athletic teams.

Instead of interscholastic girls' sports, Miss Bryan planned an intramural system whereby more girls get an opportunity to earn letters. Working on the point system, intramural contests are held in the major sports. Tournaments such as archery, horseshoes, ping-pong, and badminton are also held. A total of five hundred points during a school year entitles a girl to a letter. Thus, more girls are given a chance to enjoy sports.



## SIXTEEN... FORTY-THREE... SEVEN... HIKE!



THIS year's squad though small was high-spirited, some proving their loyalty by walking home seven miles each night after practice. Mahopac, despite its record of four defeats and two ties, placed three men on the first all-county team. Captain Jimmy Harkins, at tackle, proved to be a stone wall on defense and a pile-driving blocker on offense. John Donelli at end, thrilled the crowd with his pass catching. Scoring on three of the tosses, his work was well deserving of the credit he received. The third was Bob Maffay, stalwart center, whose passing and backing up the line made certain his birth on the mythical eleven. Another whose work should be praised is Art Lazarus; he, along with Harkins, was the backbone of the Mahopac defense. Playing half-back he showed himself an able back for any team.

The games provided many thrills for the loyal fans who, after getting "fall fever," turned out to cheer their team on.





## COURT IS IN SESSION

**B**ASKETBALL again proved the most popular sport at Mahopac.

Large crowds attended at home and away, to cheer the local hoopsters. The fans were rewarded for their loyalty as Mahopac won its share of games and put up excellent battles even when defeated. Few will soon forget the wild Shrub Oak game when the winning basket was made, with five seconds to go—by the opponents. Nor will we forget the St. Mary's contest which was won in a three minute overtime period after a stormy argument. After that, the blood pressure of many will never be the same.

Captain Joe Ganong did a great job as the spark plug of the quintet. The center of the attack, he was in there fighting every minute. Tito Dalbo took the lead in scoring with 121 points, and was closely followed by John Donelli and Joe Ganong. All in all, the team met our expectations.

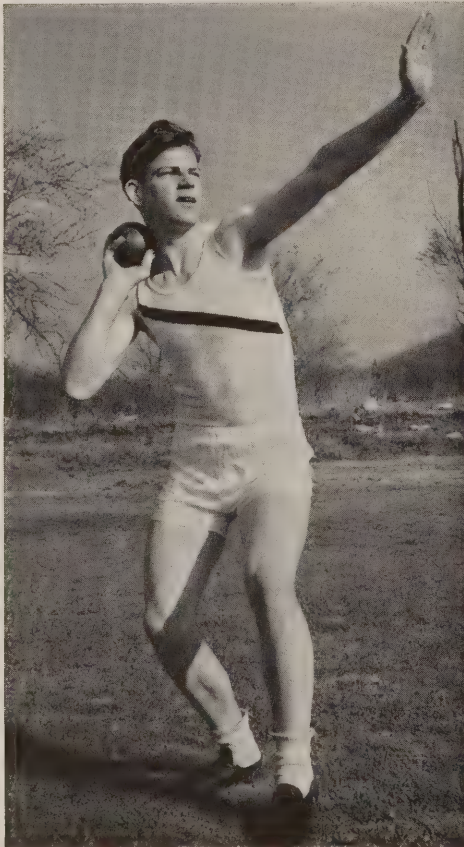


## TRACK

STEADILY Mr. Foote, the track coach, is building a track team and also a reputation for Mahopac. Under his guidance they opened the season by breaking the two-mile record at the Westchester Relay Carnival in White Plains. Mr. Foote is also looking forward to breaking the 880 and a few more relay records. Other county teams will again feel the force of Mahopac's strong runners. You may rest assured the local sprinters will again dig their spikes into the cinders and come through in the stretch, supplying our share of winners.

## RIGHT OFF THE BAT

WITH another large baseball squad, Mahopac again turns its hopes to a successful baseball season. The fielding and hitting is above that of last year, the only deficiency being in the pitching staff. Coach Grant is being ably assisted by Mr. Wilson, all of which adds up to predict a more successful season this year. With this squad as a nucleus, Coach Grant should be able to build teams for the next two years, as there are only two seniors and two juniors among the regulars now.





## GIANT JAYVEE

THE giant J. V. team provided their share of thrills in the preliminary basketball games this year. With a team that dwarfed the varsity in size, as four of the squad are over six feet, they always supplied a good opener. Mr. Margison did a fine job as coach. He was a real pal and friend as well as instructor.

The team has great possibilities for varsity next year. With a little polish added to their natural ability and size, they should keep Mahopac at the head of the list in the next few years.

## FOOTE'SBALL

WHEN the terrific Mahopac Chiefs took the field in the 1940 season, they meant business. With triple reverses, cross bucks, fakes and every other trick in the book, they smashed through opponents right and left. Losing only two games in the last two years, the crimson jerseyed warriors, under the coaching of Mr. Foote, assisted by Mr. Wilson, aroused terror in all opposition.

The Chiefs displayed fine blocking, tackling, broken field running and that all-essential team work. Just wait until this team plays varsity!







## BASKETBALL

“WHO plays today?”  
 “The Juniors and Seniors.” The gym was always full with excited students who cheered their respective classes from the sidelines. Never before has so much enthusiasm been shown for a girls’ sport; but they’re really good for they show team work, cooperation and sportsmanship.



## HOCKEYS

I N the brisk fall weather many red cheeks and noses were seen on the field, for a new sport, field hockey, became a part of the gym schedule. Learning the fundamentals, step by step, well-organized teams under the guidance of Miss Bryan, practiced until late afternoon twice a week.



## OVER THE NET

“REMEMBER you’re supposed to hit it over the net, Mary,” says Miss Bryan. Words similar to these are often heard, but the members of this team are always peppy and “raring” to go. During the noon hour, they have held their games which have been a treat to all spectators.



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## "PING" GIRLS

WITH new paddles and ping-pong balls, plenty of good players were developed in M. C. S. Although the sport allows only four players at one time, a schedule was drawn up whereby all could take part. It is ping-pong that helps the students to become skilful players as well as quick thinkers.



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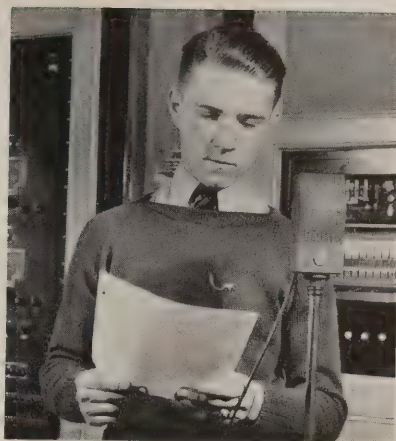
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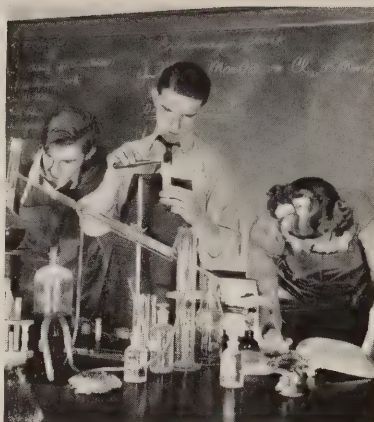
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